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Dear Matt,

Thank you very much for sending me your excellent statement on gas warfare before the Foreign Relations Committee. Of course, you are probably in a better position to judge than am I, but I don't think I could be as seemingly casual as you when you said "the use of herbicides is now being phased out." "Being" is not fast enough; in my opinion, herbicides should be curtailed now. Since the release of your outstanding report in December, I have at times tried to keep public attention focused on your report, and on herbicide use in Vietnam, ~~and~~ One good way to do this, I think, is to remind citizens that over-doses of herbicides may cause deaths among people. I have, however, at least temporarily exhausted my resources in trying to focus attention on herbicides.

I hope you will have someone call me collect when you finish your scientific studies ascertaining the effect of herbicides on humans in Vietnam. Also, I would appreciate being notified when your report is published in book form.

I have talked to Senator Church and people on his staff saying how important it was for him to make use of your advice and expertise on CBW and the Geneva Protocol. I know that you are well acquainted with Wendell Pigman on Church's staff. I have also alerted the key staff men for Humphrey (Tom Dougherty) and for Sen. Mondale to listen to your counsel.

I will be in Washington during the week of April 24-May 2. If you are in Washington during that period, it would be good to see you again. I can be reached through the L.A. Times Washington bureau, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., 296-1440.

Warmest personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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